

and used him in this way for a shield. Smith was shot in the thigh with an arrow, however, in spite of this defence, and several other arrows stuck in his clothes, without doing him much damage. At last he was taken prisoner. This happened by his falling into a swamp, as he was backing his way out from the Indians towards the river. He sank up to the middle in the mire, and his Indian with him.

Even here, the savages dared not come upon him, till, being nearly dead with cold, he threw away his arms. They then drew him out, and led him to the fire where his men had been slain. Here they rubbed his benumbed limbs, till he was able to move once more. He now began to exert his usual ingenuity to escape the death which he saw they intended for him. He took out an ivory compass and dial from his pocket, and showed them to Opechancanough. The savage was amazingly pleased with the vibrations of the needle and the fly, which, being covered with glass, he could not touch, much to his wonder.

Smith adroitly took advantage of his astonishment to explain the uses of these instruments, as well as he could, by signs, and to tell them about the motions of the heavenly bodies. In his own words, "When he demonstrated by that Globe-like Iewell, the roundnesse of the earth and skies, the spheare of the Sunne, Moone and Starres, and how the Sunne